Damage caused to Sardar Sarovar Dam

614. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of damage caused to Bay 4 and 5 of the right Bank and Bay 1 of the left bank of Sardar Sarovar Dam during the year 1994 and so far in 1995, alongwith the details thereof;

(b) the extent of financial and other loss caused to the Dam and the expenditure incurred so far on its repairs;

(c) the details of the findings of the divers from Bombay conducting echo tests;

(d) when was the repair work started and by when its is likely to be completed; and

(e) the present position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) There had been no damge to the Sardar Sarovar dam in the year 1994. However, damage had occurred to the stilling basin during 1994 and about 65000 cubic meteres of concrete was washed away from Bay 1 and nearby. Assessment of likely damage in the Bay 4 and 5 during 1994 has not been completed. No damage to the dam or stilling basin has occurred during 1995. The estimated loss caused to the stilling basin due to damage in the year 1994 is Rs. 13.84 crores. An expenditure of Rs. 11.50 crores has so far been incurred on its reparis.

(c) As per assessment made by the team of divers, damage has occurred mainly below block No. 43 in Panel A which is approximately of the size 8 metres × 8 metres × 4 to 6 metres. There is also damage below block No. 42 and 44.

(d) and (e) The repair work in Bay 1 and nearby was started immediately after monsoon of 1994 and has been completed. After completion of assessment of likely damage in respect of Bay 4 and 5, repair works on it will be taken up.

Setting up of Pulses Research Institute

615. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposal to set up a pulses research institute to augment the production of pulses in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the production of pulses in the past few months have come down considerably resulting in high prices in the market; and

(d) if so, the extent to which the production of pulses and reduction in prices will be affected after the formation of research institute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHD. AYUB KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A fulfledged Indian Institute of Pulses Research is already functioning at Kanpur w.e.f. 6.9.1993.

(c) No, Sir. During Kharif 1995-96 (June, 1995 to October, 1995) it is estimated that the production of pulses in the country may go up to 6.04 m.t. which is as per projected need and more than our target of 6.00 m.t.

In so far as prices of pulses in market is concerned, the wholesale Price Index of pulses has not gone up from 1994 to 1995.

(d) Question does not arise.